## **NEWS RELEASE**

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: New Castle Man Arrested for April 16th Bomb Threat at Porter Auto Group

Newark Police have arrested 31 year old Jeffrey Walker, of New Castle, for the April 16<sup>th</sup> Bomb Threat at Porter Auto Group.

The incident began at approximately 5:23pm on April 16<sup>th</sup> when an unknown suspect called in a bomb threat at an unspecified Porter Auto Group location on East Cleveland Avenue. Four Porter Auto Group buildings were evacuated and K-9 teams from DSP and UDPD swept the buildings for explosives. An investigation determined that the threat was unfounded. Cleveland Avenue was closed in both directions from Capitol Trail to Paper Mill Road for approximately 90 minutes.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives learned that Walker, a former sub-contractor for the Porter Auto Group, had recently been terminated. He was linked to the crime using phone records. He was arrested on today's date after Detectives executed a search warrant at his residence.

**Defendant:** Jeffrey Walker (DOB 06/24/1982)

24 A Deen Street

New Castle, DE 19720

Charge: 1 ct Terroristic Threatening Causing a Building Evacuation.

Walker was arraigned via JP Court #2 and released on \$2,000 unsecured bail.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Morgan Fountain at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or <a href="morgan.fountain@cj.state.de.us">morgan.fountain@cj.state.de.us</a>. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <a href="www.tipsubmit.com">www.tipsubmit.com</a> where a reward may be available.

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